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THE REPROACH OF ILLEGO ND INHUMANE

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HUN AUTOCRACY

President, It Is Believed, Is

Convinced That Process Will

Go on by Rapid Stages.

WILL HASTEN SURRENDER

President Wilson, it is believed in

and that it will proceed by rapid

stages to a finality which will hasten

the capitulation of the central powers

under the continued pressure of the

The President has all along counted

heavily upon the crumbling of the

military and junker rule in Germany

as the prerequisite of victory for the

allies and a peace which will measure

this country and of the nations op-

posed to the central powers. Just as

t was in the late unpleasantness with Mexico, when President Wilson insist-

kaiser within a very few weeks

Leaders Admit Defeat.

Universally Condemned.

AUSTRIA WILL SEND

REPLY TO PRESIDENT

BERN, Switzerland, October 22,-

DRIVE MONITOR ASHORE

military forces of the allies.

Received by Cable in Washington; Will Be DISINTEGRATION OF Delivered Soon.

QUESTION OF ARBITRARY POWER IS DISCUSSED

Indications Are that No Decision From President Can Be Given Before Tomorrow.

The official text of Germany's latest note to President Wilson was received by cable today at the Swiss legation Frederick Oederlin, the Swiss charge, arranged to deliver it to Secretary Lansing as soon as it could be de-

Obscure Passages

The charge's appearance at the State Department was delayed for several hours, as the task of decoding and translating provid to be long and tedious. Considerable verbal differences may be shown and it is understood that the official text will clear up certain obscure passages in the wireless version received yesterday.

Indications are that no announce-ment of a decision by the President could be expected before tomorrow. Secretary Lansing was with him until near midnight last night discussing the wireless version, but there now must be further conferences and it is assumed there will be exchanges with the allied capitals.

No Official Comment.

Official comment continued to be withheld, awaiting an indication of the President's views. Every one expected him to decide quickly whether the note, with its promises in support of the plea for an armistice and its assertion that the government at Berlin no longer is responsible to an armistic and a president of the support of the please of the support of the su bitrary power, creates a new situa-n requiring action. Informal opinion as to the probable

t point that immediate incere the German overtures to a commission will be agreed ept upon conditions of sur-that will destroy forever the

would be made, and the German armies left to complete their enforced evacuation of occupied territory as best they might with the allied armies on their heels, while the people at home continue the work of ousting autocracy. Others believed the next step, in agreement with the enext step, in agreement with the pressure within the empire. His mild-ness in proposing the famous "three mies left to complete their enforced evacuation of occupied territory as best they might with the allied armies on their heels, while the people at home continue the work of ousting autocracy. Others believed the next step, in agreement with the allies, would be a suggestion that the German military commanders, if ready to accept dictated terms, should approach Gen. Foch on the subject of an armistice.

Confidential Advices.

Those who are convinced that the enemy is beaten into submission, and that the nation must rely upon the

Those who are convinced that the enemy is beaten into submission, and that efforts at bargaining now are that efforts at bargaining now are merely a prelude to complete surrely and the fatherland, under his guidance and the continued control of render in the near future if the allies hold firm to the determination to accept nothing less, are guided by considerational diplomatic advices purporting to show that there has been a real political revolution in Germany and that the people in power are ready to throw out the kaiser and with his general to get people. al' his war lords to get peace. al' his war lords to get peace.

t was learned today that a private dispatch from Germany has been published in a Copenhagen newspaper, stating that troops on leave are receiving secret orders not to return to the front and that to this extent demobili-

dispatch from Germany has been published in a Copenhagen newspaper, stating that troops on leave are receiving secret orders not to return to the front and that to this extent demobilization has begun.

Military men here, however, regard it as inconceivable that such orders would be given while desperate efforts are being made to hold the American and allied troops at bay at certain points on the western front.

Although the first part of the German note is regarded as an awkward attempt to meet the conditions laid down by President Wilson for concideration of an armistice, no one have believes that an immediate cessantion of hostilities is in sight. Generally the opinion is that the only step possible at this time would be to sanction, with approval of the allied governments, arrangements to be dictated by Gen. Foch in the field for the evacuation of France and Belgium.

As any such arrangements necessarily would safeguard the suprements in the attitude of the public at large toward the note. If any one of important position or any element of the people places the slightest dependence on the German note or entertains the remotest idea that it is worth while considering favorably there is no public record of it.

Its reception by the public has been a storm of derision, contemptousness and disbelief in its sincerity or good intent. It is generally regarded as typically reproduced as the best of the best of the best of the count of the German political leaders to stop the advance of the onrushing allies until the Hun military commanders can withdraw their fleeing forces to some line of defense where they may make a stand to better military advantage.

From every section of the country the certain powers is broken to a degree that will prevent its being mended and wielded against civilization at some late stage in the settlement of a final and lasting peace.

Belief in Desire for Peace.

The general tone of the note, together with the significant statement that "the offer of peace and an armis-tice has come from a government which is free from any arbitrary and tresponsible influence," strengthens the belief here that there is a genuine desire for peace. Like the first note, this one is regarded in some quarters as another step in the German plan of largaining in the hope of securing terms more favorable than the unconterms and the following announcement from ditional surrender which they are pre pared to make finally if peace can come in no other way.

RAINCOAT FRAUD MEN **GIVEN PRISON TERMS**

Gouled, a contract promoter, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the gov-

MAILS MIX UP RECORDS

seventy-one as compared with sixtyone for the preceding twenty-fourin the number of new cases.

The material increase of new case reported today, Health Officer Fowler says, is in no way discouraging. The disease is milder in type. It may be expected, all health authorities say, that for the next few days there will be a fluctuation in both deaths and new cases. The new cases announced by the District health department for the twenty-four-hour period ending at noon today totaled 778, which would indicate an increase over the preceding twenty-four-hour period of 366

Reports Delayed.

LATEST HUN REPLY

PUZZLES OFFICIALS

'Clever Dodge" or "Real Ef-

fort for Peace" Debated

in Capital.

POINT TO WORD TO POPE

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

President Wilson discussed with

his cabinet today the method by

which America shall make answer

to Germany's new bid for peace.

Analysis of the German note re-

vealed many different points of view,

all of which turned, however, on

what evidence of good faith Ger-

many had offered and whether it was sufficient to warrant an abrupt

eventual goal-tangible admission

of defeat so that the military powe

note puzzled Washington. Everybody

in the government- was disposed to

inquire what was behind the rather

One Fundamental Issue.

But wherever the argument, wher-

ever the discussion, every one came

back to the fundamental issue: Is Ger-

Who Is Back of It, Is Query. The answer to that, however, is given

Reports Delayed.

It is pointed out, however, by Health Officer Fowler, that in connection with this estimate it must be considered that, in a delayed mail that should have reached the health office early Monday morning and should have been included in that day's report, there were about 100 new cases. That number subtracted from 778, the new cases in today's report, would leave an apparent increase of 266.

In the large mail reaching the District health department this morning there were probably 100 letters properly addressed, but which had been delivered to the United States public health service, in the Treasury building, and which had been reforwarded by the controller of the Treasury. These letters contained reports from physicians of new cases under treatment, and the letters had been mailed Sunday night for the early morning delivery Monday.

These should have been included in the new cases for Monday, which, as reported, numbered 412, showing a decrease for that date of 502, from which decrease should have been subtracted something like 100 new cases. No explanation is given why this mail was delivered to the controller of the Treasury.

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said, that the German leaders admit defeat. Hitherto, they have breathed constantly a spirit of defiance to all

the recent decrease has not affected the number of cases on hand and that reports of deaths received today are in many instances cases reported ten

SENATE COMMITTEE **ALTERS PROFITS TAX** In whatever terms the President may

Plan Reduces Excess Levy. But Adds to That on War income.

The Senate finance committee today threw overboard the House alternative plan for excess and war profits taxes. It determined upon a single

The effect of the amendment will be to reduce the excess profits tax somewhat, but to make more subject to the war profits tax.

No computation has been made of the revenue to be derived from the Senate plan as compared to that derived under the House plan of excess

the House plan. Plans Installment Paying.

The Senate committee also inserted in the bill a provision authoriz-ing the payment of the income tax in three installments, the first to be paid at the time fixed for filing the following announcement from the return: the second installment on the 15th day of the second month will reply very soon to President Wilson's note, more so as the President
has not replied to the question concerning conditions on which peace negotiations are possible."

the 15th day of the second month
thereafter, and the third installment
on the 15th day of the second month
thereafter, when an extension of
time is granted in the payment of
the tax interest to the amount of
one-half of 1 per cent will be
charged.

PAY INCREASE IS SOUGHT FOR FLIERS IN TRAINING



Cablegram to The Evening Star and the Chicago Daily News. Copyright, 1918.

ARMIES, October 22.-Trustworthy information regarding the true state of affairs in the interior of Germany indicates that the German army is still capable of prolonged resistance and possibly of again beginning an offensive operation. The Germans actually hold a front of 320 kilometers (192 miles) from near the North sea to Verdun, having upon the west-ern front besides the sector-

Generally speaking, the German First of Navy Department-Planned Balloons Makes Quick

inquire what was behind the rather abject phraseology of the communication—a real effort to get peace without humiliation or a clever dodge to prevent the allied armies from further destroying German military power. Some officials thought they saw an awkward and clumsy effort of the Germans to tell the world that they were really reforming their government and making it democratic, while at the same time, to preserve their national pride, were not willing to admit it in so many words.

Others thought Germany was really asking the President to continue the parleys, and that in petitioning him not to approve of any "demand which would be irreconcilable with the honor of the German people and with opening a way to a peace of justice" the writers of the note did not themselves expect President Wilson to relax his insistence on his original demands, but that they really were urging him to be merciful in his manner of imposing those demands.

tween 10 and 11 o'clock this morn- Possible Change in Saulsbury Law from Akron, Ohio, at 1:10 o'clock this morning, and which reached the city at 10:20, to the satisfaction of officers of the bureau of construction and re-

PRICE PLEDGES REQUIRED

by others, who declare that America is cards and abide by the recently estabnot so much interested in proposals for lished price and quality standardisation

THINK RENT BILL FOR D. C. WILL PASS

Observers Predict Compromise From Conference on Pomerene Amendment.

SAULSBURY LAW ALSO UP

Prospects for rent profiteering legislation for the District of Columbia today appeared brighter because of the firm stand taken by the Senate yesterday. A conference over the Pomerene rent-profiteering amendment to the emergency agricultural appropriation, bill probably will be held this afternoon or tomorrow. The Senate conferees will insist that the Pomorens amendment in some form be kept in the bill.

Mr. Johnson's opposition to the Pomerene amendment is delaying final action on the emergency agricultural appro-FLIES TO WASHINGTON priation bill, including the war-time prohibition rider. The prohibitionists in the House are beginning to be on the front from the junction of the provided for the movement. anxious that this legislation be no Oise and the Serre eastward to Vouziers. further delayed.

the fact that the Senate seems ready at Vouziers, the Germans have ceased to stand by its rent profiteering amend-ment to the limit, Mr. Johnson's oppo-sition to the Pomerene amendment

their violent efforts to dislodge the There are several situations along the front, however, which render it the French here are in a position to possible and even probable that Mar-shal Foch will seriously interfere with may be overruled by the House, where the prohibition sentiment is strong.

That the Pomerene rent profiteering amendment will be amended before which accounts for the strong German Hunding line has been outflanked in the sector west of the Meuse. Which accounts for the strong German Hunding line has been outflanked in the sector west of the Meuse. Belgium, where the Scheidt river has the sector west of the Meuse. The sector west of the Meuse. The sector west of the Meuse which accounts for the strong German Hunding line has been outflanked in the sector west of the Meuse. The sector west of the Meuse which accounts for the strong German Hunding line has been outflanked in the sector west of the Meuse which accounts for the strong German Hunding line has been outflanked in the sector west of the Meuse which accounts for the strong German Hunding line has been outflanked in the sector west of the Meuse which accounts for the strong German Hunding line has been outflanked in the sector west of the Meuse which accounts for the strong German Hunding line has been outflanked in the sector west of the Meuse which accounts for the strong German Hunding line has been outflanked in the sector west of the Meuse which accounts for the strong German Hunding line has been outflanked in the sector west of the Meuse which accounts for the strong German Hunding line has been outflanked in the sector west of the orderly retirement of the outflanked which accounts for the sector west of the orderly retirement of the outflanked which accounts for the sector west of the orderly retirement of the outflanked which accounts for the sector west of the orderly retirement of the outflanked which accounts the orderly retirement of the orderly retirement of the orderly retirement of the outflanked which accounts the orderly retirement of the outflanked which accounts the orderly retirement of the outflanked which accounts the orderly retirement of the orderly retirement of the orderly retirement of the orderly retirement of the orderly ret all the majesty of a big-mouth bass, enacted into law was predicted today. Gouraud's men, however, have defeated the first real dirigible that Washing- It is likely that it will be made more all enemy attacks.

Also the probabilities are that provision will be made to amend the ex-

of the bureau of construction and repair of the Navy Department, under whose supervision and according to whose plans she was built by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company of Akron.

Although christened the D17, giving a clue as to how many of these ships Uncle Sam now possesses, nevertheless she is the first of a new type. She is the first of a new type. She is on her way to an Atlantic port ourposes of propaganda.

The D17 carries a crew of eight men, the crew which brought her east being a naval detachment sent to Akron for the purpose. She is about 200 feet in length and rather "chunky" and her inflatable cover is made of a rubbor of or da new automobile tire. She is intended to be used for convoy work was a way and the inflatable cover is made of a rubbor of a fabric that gives her the color of a new automobile tire. She is intended to be used for convoy work was a way and convoy work was a specific for the government she has been unable to get her home back, and she inflatable cover is made of a rubbor of a fabric that gives her the color of a new automobile tire. She is intended to be used for convoy work was a colonely should be a colonel

"And now he will not let her have possession so she can die in her own home," Senator Overman said. "Under the Sauisbury resolution she cannot put him out."

AND I

OF MAIL ORDER HOUSES

Shoe Firms Selling Directly to Consumer Must Conform to Standardization Program.

Shoe manufacturers and mail order houses selling directly to the consumer are required under a ruling by the War Industries Board to sign retailers pledge cards and abide by the recently established price and quality standardization program.

At the same time the board ordered colors of children's shoes restricted to back, dark brown and white, and the elimination of perforations except under the colors of children's shoes restricted to to black, dark brown and white, and the elimination of perforations except under the case of such cases, and that, something must be done to black, dark brown and white, and the elimination of perforations except under the elimination of perforations except under the case of said or over whom he cannot put him out."

Senator Williams discussed the case of the Navy Department of a certain period and who would not give it up:

"It to the roads and on them, so that when the said. "Under the Lalle D ARMIES IN WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN THE FRANCE AND BELGIUM. October 21.

The great battle in Flanders and norther, France passed into its second phase today. The first phase was completed when the Lille salient was eliminated and the Germans were driven that the way from the frontier of Holkand to the Oise canal is virtually a straight one.

This having been accomplished, the right in and the learning of the enemy from the frontier of the infantry, clearing out the Germans. And all the wind the infantry, and for the infantry place of the infantry, and for the infantry place of the infantry pla

ALLIES DRIVE HARD INTO GERMAN LINE ALONG THE SCHELDT

Tournai and Valenciennes Are Almost Within Grip of British Forces.

FRENCH CONTINUE GAINS; METZ, PIVOT OF RETREAT

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN BELGIUM, October 22 (Reuter's).-Strong French forces attacked this morning on the center of the allied front in Belgium and are reported to be making excellent progress in the direc-

The general situation in Belgium this morning seemed to be that on most of the front the allied armies had reached a period of pause which is inevitable when rapid advances have been made. German resistance stiffened appreciably during the night, especially along the Scheldt

On the front of the British 4th Army, with which the Americans are fighting, the night was quiet, and the situation is unchanged in the Valenciennes-Le Cateau area.

Allied troops on the northern end of the front in France and Belgium today are driving into the German line from west of Ghent to Valenciennes. This is the line of the Scheldt and two of the important points on it-Tournai and Valenciennes-are almost within the grasp of the British.

German resistance is stiffening between Tournai and Valenciennes, the southern end of the eighty-mile line from Valenciennes to the Dutch frontier. The British armies, however, continue to progress. Ourcq, within less than a mile of Tournai on the west, has been captured and the British hold La Sentinelle, one mile west of Valenciennes.

North of Tournai the British are along the Scheldt on a front of five miles and north and south of this sector rapidly are gaining ly run over Representative Ben John- the western bank of the river. Between Valenciennes and La son of Kentucky, it was said today. Cateau the British maintain their pressure and have reached the Eczillon river at Thiant, southwest of Valenciennes.

on the front from the junction of the Germans are pouring fresh divisions into the line in front of the Americans further delayed.

That being the case, and in view of the front of the Serre. East of the Aisne, hold the line firmly, the rest of the formula formu their violent efforts to dislodge the

> Metz Used as Pivot. Development of the plan being fol-

French Continue Pressure.

In conducting its retreat from northern France and Belgium makes it apparent that Metz is being used as a pivot for the movement. While the ward the Belgian frontier.

where the British and Americans ap-pear to have fought their way through all obstructions. This line, therefore, may be rendered untenable for the may be rendered untenable for the Germans, who may be forced to fall back to the line of the Meuse before lowed by the German high command attempting to stand at bay

BRITISH ARMIES DRAW NEARER VALENCIENNES AND TOURNAL

Fight With Desperation.

the tip.

Another order forbids importations of conform to the style, shape and color restrictions imposed upon domestic maniferaturers.

TOO MANY SUBMARINES

FOR HARBOR AT KIEL

LONDON, October 21—A state of revolution has broken out in Sofia and street fights are occurring between bolshevik laberers and the substance of the s

to the roads and on them, so that when

NEW YORK, October 22.-Felix FRENCH REACH DANUBE:

years' imprisonment in the federal court here today. Capt. Aubrey Vaughan, who admitted using his former office as chief of the division of supply of the quartermaster's department to help Gouled carry out his conspiracy, was given a two-year term.

The government charged that the two arranged for approval on inspection of defective raincoats manufactured by firms which contributed to a "slush fund" established by Gouled as a means of profiting by contracts which ne secured for his "Clients". Their advanced elements are within ten kilometers which ne secured for his "clients" through Yaughan's influence.

Gouled was released in \$25,606 ball sending appeal.

PARIS, October 21.—French troops have reached the Danube river in the and addicates for commissions in the air service while receiving instruction in volving flights was advocated today by Generatry Baker in forwarding a bill, appropriating \$4,152,290 for that purpose, to the House military committee.

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MORE DEATHS HERE: **GRIP NOW MILDER**

Spite of Fluctuations in Reports Received.

While the official report of the ten fatalities from influenza for the wenty-four-hour period ending at noon today, the deaths numbering hour period, health officials are not disturbed in their conclusion that the contagion has been mastered and is due for a steady and substantial decline in the death roll as well as

Mexico, when President Wilson insisted that Huerta must go before anything like permanent arrangements could be made, so it is thought here he is banking now upon the dissolution by German people of their form of government before civilization will treat with them. of government before civilization will treat with them.

The published version of Germany's latest note has, it is thought here, confirmed the President in his opinion that autocracy is giving way, the moderate tone of the communication being in violent contrast with the flamboyant utterances of the German bases, within a very flow weeks.

Dr. Mustard Optimistic. their people to stand fast until vic-tory should be wrested from untoward conditions. Victory isn't going to be wrested, it would appear now to be their conclusion and admission. They their conclusion and admission. They are therefore suing for terms of advantage to themselves, beating about for an avenue of escape from the bludgeon of the pursuer, like a rat in a corner. He said it must be expected that a high death rate would continue for a week or ten days after the increase in the number of new cases has ccased. This is caused, he said, by the fact that the number of cases on hand is large. He also stated that

> he said, "if the decline is of the sawtooth drop. At present we have sufficient doctors to cope with the situation,
> and can only meet the demands for
> nurses by taxing them to the utmost.
> We need, and could readily use, more
> trained and untrained nurses."
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> To deteat so that the initiary power
> and system could be conclusively reand system could be conclusively regarded as broken.
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> Note Proves Puzzle.
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> Generally speaking, the German trained and untrained nurses.

see fit to couch the expected discrediting of the latest German proposal and refusal of an armistice, there is no mistaking the attitude of the public at large toward the note. If any one of impor-

method of computing the tax. The war profits tax remains at 80 per cent. It will be computed upon the net income in excess of the excess profits and deductions allowed.

back to the fundamental issue: Is Germany "on the level" or adroitly trying to maneuver out of a bad fix with her militaristic system intact?

The New York Sun editorial of this morning coincides with the view of many of the President's cabinet members, who point out that the whole matter "depends on the validity of the evidence now alleged by the present German government." Germany claims her government." Germany claims her government has undergone "a fundamental change." She points to a bill introduced in the reichstag. That bill hasn't passed the national legislature and has as much standing as a bill introduced in the American Congress, of which the great majority never get further than our committees. There is no guarantee that the bill will be passed except the "unshakable determination of the German people."

America is asked to accept that statement of future intention to reform as a basis for the whole negotiation. There and war profits taxes. It is believed however, that the Senate plan will raise very nearly as much revenue as

America is asked to accept that statement of future intention to reform as a basis for the whole negotiation. There is no safeguard that the bill will not be dropped when once the peace parleys are on. On the other hand, officials point out, how else can a constitution be changed, and can we expect Germany to do it any more rapidly than we ourselves make changes in our Constitution?

constitutional reform as the personnel

NOT YET THRASHED ROCKWELL WARNS BY PAUL AYRES ROCKWELL

WITH THE FRENCH

ern front besides the sector-holding troops some thirty re-serve divisions.

The Germans surely desire pence, but it is my belief that they are not sufficiently thrash-ed to accept the terms we must extore upon them if our vic-tory is to be complete. Therefors, the mouseat has potentially arrived for refers our ef-forts or rest confident that peace is at hand.

was calculated to make the Germans come even further along toward the UKIGBLE FRUM AKKUN

Glistening in the morning sunlight silver gray in color, and moving with ton has seen circled over the city be-

She was the D17, which started

At the same time the board ordered there were hundreds of such cases, colors of children's shoes restricted to black, dark brown and white, and the cure the situation.

Fight